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The Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor of Maryland
State House
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Dear Governor Ehrlich:

The Department of State Police is pleased to provide to you, the Legislature, and the citizens of Maryland, the 2002 Annual Report. Contained in the report are many examples of the fine work and accomplishments of the different barracks, installations, divisions, and sections. The reorganization of the Maryland State Police, in March of 2003, will be reflected in next year's annual report. Also, in this report for the first time, is a summary of the achievements of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Many of the events that the State Police were called upon to deal with last year were unique. Challenges ranged from helping communities cope with the aftermath of a destructive tornado in the spring, to protecting schools full of children while successfully hunting for, and then capturing, the Washington area sniper suspects in the autumn. These events were confronted and resolved by the Department, and the rest of the law enforcement community, with great courage and determination.

Dominating the year was the growing involvement with the issue and practical aspects of homeland security. The addition of homeland security to the Department's duties has necessitated a new outlook for the State's leading law enforcement agency in the 21st century. Building on efforts that have already begun, all personnel will strive to provide for the highest levels of safety and security for the State and its residents. It is a duty the Department of State Police has the ability to meet, and the Department's levels of excellence and commitment in their work will be hallmarks of the coming years.

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

During 2002, the Maryland State Police, along with the State and the nation, has come to grips with a heightened level of security in all facets of our daily lives. It is a concern that will always be with us. The challenge of continuing to provide for the safety of the residents of Maryland is one the MSP has risen to meet.

A new level of domestic terrorism was reached in October, with the advent of what came to be known as the Washington area sniper case. For more than three weeks, people had their lives and businesses turned upside down, as the hunt for the suspects was conducted. From the beginning, the MSP was a significant partner in the operations, which ranged from safeguarding the children in their schools, to the detection and capture of the suspects. Teamwork among many state, local and federal agencies brought a successful conclusion to a terrifying time, when the MSP Special Tactical Assault Team Element captured the snipers at a rest stop in Western Maryland.

Commercial motor carrier enforcement has played a part in the new wave of law enforcement sweeping through Maryland. Through March 2002, all fixed weigh and inspection facilities were in operation 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Roadside safety inspections ordered 11,935 commercial trucks and 6,637 commercial drivers out-of-service. Removing 18,752 unsafe large trucks from Maryland's highways has undoubtedly prevented many serious crashes.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal, which was transferred to the Department of State Police in 1997, helped make 2002 one of the most fire-safe ever for Maryland, with an over 20% reduction in fire fatalities from 2001. The 74 fire fatalities represents the third lowest total ever.

Despite the threats of domestic and international terrorism that have kept law enforcement on alert, charitable activities have gone on as usual. The Polar Bear Plunge, Deep Creek Dunk, and St. Mary's Splash saw many 'brave' souls wading into frigid water. These fund-raising efforts collected more than \$521,000 for Special Olympics in Maryland. Additionally, the MSP and local law enforcement agencies have received donations of teddy bears. These are for distributing to children found in traumatic conditions, such as traffic accidents or abuse cases.

The year saw the opening of two new barracks. One of them, the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center, is a cooperative venture between the MSP, Frederick County Sheriff's Department, and the Frederick County 911 center. The other new barrack, at Princess Anne, held its dedication in August. A third barrack, being built at North East, was under a roof by the year's end.

Severe weather also played a part in the year's occurrences. In April, a tornado touched down in Charles County, and affected many people's lives. The MSP and many other agencies worked together to help those in need.

Secretary of the Department of State Police

The Department of State Police is organized into four bureaus under the direction of the Secretary. These bureaus are Administrative Services, Field Operations, Information Technology and Communications, and Support Services. The Office of the Secretary also oversees the Offices of Management and Finance, Professional Responsibility, Media Communications, and the State Fire Marshal.

In addition to these responsibilities, the Secretary chairs the Cease Fire Council, the Handgun Roster Board, the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission, and the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council. Other councils and committees the Secretary serves on include the Governor's Executive Council, the Maryland Security Council, the Family Violence Council, the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee for Minority Affairs, and the State Information Technology Board.

Office of Management and Finance

Part of the **Budget and Finance Division**, the Budget Section plans and administers the Department's budget, prepare statistical reports and analyses as needed, monitors spending and revenues, and accounts for approximately \$300 million each fiscal year. They also monitor more than \$22.5 million in various funds, and prepare fiscal impact analysis on all pending legislation during the General Assembly.

The Finance Section processed approximately 3,000 invoices per month to the Comptroller of Maryland in the Accounts Payable Unit; processed all payroll functions for approximately 2,500 permanent sworn and civilian employees in the Payroll Unit; monitored the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, which totals \$60 million; and billed more than 800 entities for overtime reimbursement and kept track of the capital inventory, worth approximately \$100 million, in the General Assignment Unit.

During 2002, two projects of the **Capital Projects Unit** opened; the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center held its dedication in July, and the Princess Anne Barrack held its dedication in August. Design for the Forensic Science Laboratory, a 68,000 gross square foot facility, was completed. Additionally, construction on a new barrack in North East began in July, and was under a roof by the year's end. In order to save design costs, the North East design is being replicated for a new barrack in Easton.

Construction on the Public Safety Training Academy academic and administrative complex began in July, with construction of the physical training building being started in October. The design of the MSP Trooper Candidate Dormitory has also been completed. Programming has been completed, and funding appropriated for the renovation of the former Maryland Emergency Management Agency facility, at MSP Headquarters in Pikesville, as a storage facility for post conviction DNA evidence.

The **Government Affairs Unit** reviewed approximately 2,300 pieces of legislation in 2002, to determine the impact on law enforcement and the Department. Legislation enacted by the General Assembly that affected the Department included:

Senate Bill 486: Expands the convicted offender database by requiring all persons convicted of a felony to submit a DNA sample to the Department's crime lab, and requires all law enforcement agencies to store all DNA evidence for the life of the sentence of the offender. The law sunsets on October 1, 2003.

House Bill 1442: Increases the retirement allowance paid from the pension system to the surviving spouse of a State law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, and clarifies language regarding the State Police retirement allowance.

House Bill 1444: Authorized the Secretary of Department of Budget and Management to grant leave from the leave bank to State employees ordered into active service after September 11, 2001, and who have exhausted all paid leave. This benefit sunsets after 18 months.

The Unit also staffed an Anti-Terrorism Work Group that was established after the September 11, 2001 attacks. Several bills were developed, worked through the General Assembly session of 2002, and signed by the Governor. The antiterrorism legislation provided for the expansion of the wiretap statute to include more crimes, restricted access to records relating to public security, and restricted the pretrial release or post conviction release of a person charged for committing or attempting to commit acts of terrorism.

More than \$20 million in MSP grant programs, including block and discretionary funding, was coordinated and managed by the **Grants Management Unit** (GMU). A \$5 million grant was awarded to the MSP to out-source the analyzation of No Suspect DNA cases, and the Unit submitted an application for \$11 million to fight terrorism under the State and Local Emergency Preparedness Program.

The GMU also: administers the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, which distributed more than \$60 million in Fiscal Year 2003; manages the Resident Trooper Program, which provided contractual law enforcement services to two counties and three municipalities; administered the Foreign Vehicle Registration Enforcement Program until its closure; and administers the Statewide School Bus Safety Enforcement Program. Members of the Unit provided assistance and training to the U.S. Army's Soldier Biological and Chemical Command in support of national homeland security.

The **Management Analysis Unit**: maintains the MSP Administrative and Patrol Manuals to include new information and updates as needed, and in 2002 there were six updates covering 66 specific topics; administers the creation, revision and issuance of MSP forms; manages the Department's diverse records filing and retention schedules; writes and publishes the MSP Annual Report; and coordinates an annual inventory of all MSP firearms.

Orders, which are used to disseminate policy and procedures, were drafted, revised, and edited. There were 28 Superintendents' Special Orders, and 13 General Orders issued. Topics included Terrorism Threat Levels, Chemical/Biological Threats, and Retention of Post-Conviction DNA and Unresolved Homicide Evidence.

The administration of the Handgun Roster Board comes under this Unit; the Board met five times and considered 29 petitions for approval of handguns. The Board also began considering integrated mechanical safety devices, a step necessitated by the Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000.

Office of Media Communications

The Office of Media Communications conveys the efforts and actions of the MSP, through diverse media, to the people of Maryland, and beyond. In 2002, this entailed more than 9,000 inquiries by telephone, 5,000 by email, almost 200 news releases, and three dozen on-scene call outs. The MSP newsletter, The Maryland Trooper, was published six times, with electronic distribution being added when it was posted on the Department's website.

The office coordinated the Deep Creek Dunk, Polar Bear Plunge, and St. Mary's Splash; these fund-raising efforts collected more than \$521,000 for the Special Olympics in Maryland. Another collaborative effort by office staff was the sale of 9-11 commemorative badges to active and retired troopers; more than \$10,000 was raised for the Maryland chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors.

Office of Professional Responsibility

The **Internal Affairs Unit**, investigates allegations and complaints of misconduct against Department employees. They have regional offices at nine barracks, and are currently working with the Information and Technology Bureau to upgrade their hardware and software.

The **Office of Fair Practice** handles complaints and concerns dealing with discrimination, harassment, retaliation, unfair treatment, employee conflict, hardships, poor performance, domestic issues, and family deaths. They also manage the Chaplains Program, whose members collectively donated more than 5,000 hours of time counseling MSP employees.

The **Staff Inspection Unit** reviews and evaluates the administrative operations within the MSP, and conducted eleven Division/Barrack/Unit audits in 2002. Compliance with laws, policy, regulations, and legislative mandates is monitored. A special emphasis was given to reviewing the in-car video system.

The **Legal Counsel Unit**, part of the Office of the Attorney General, provides legal advice to MSP personnel and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; reviews contracts, grant applications, Code of Maryland regulations, agreements and memoranda of understanding entered into by the MSP, administrative charges, Drug Enforcement Agency forfeiture agreements, and answers citizen inquiries. They also provide representation to the MSP and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and their personnel in all civil actions filed in State and federal courts.

In 2002 the Unit opened 61 new litigation cases, and answered 68 subpoenas, 67 Public Information Act requests, 71 citizen inquiries, 70 informal opinions, and 31 memoranda of understanding. They also published the newsletter Legals' Counsel, and provided training on 4th Amendment procedure, liability and calls concerning emotionally disturbed persons.

Field Operations Bureau

The Field Operations Bureau oversees the actions of the twenty-three barracks, as well as several specialized sections. The mission of the Bureau is to protect life and property within Maryland, by detecting and deterring crime, and the provision of safe passage throughout Maryland's roadways.

Central Region: Waterloo Barrack (Region Headquarters), College Park Barrack, Forestville Barrack, Rockville Barrack, Westminster Barrack

The territory patrolled by Central Region troopers range from the urban areas in the south around our nation's capital, to the rural roads in the north bordering Pennsylvania. While the majority of the barracks (Waterloo, College Park, Forestville and Rockville) are primarily concerned with traffic issues, Westminster is a full service barrack.

From the beginning, **Rockville Barrack** was substantially involved with the hunt for the sniper suspects who terrorized the DC Metro area. It started with the request from Montgomery County Police Chief Moose, for additional troopers, and progressed through the development of the Sniper Task Force, the daily briefings of more than forty uniformed and 100 investigative personnel, and the providing of assistance in coordinating the deployment of MSP personnel. Additionally, in February, a traffic stop led to what the United States Secret Service labeled one of the largest and most sophisticated counterfeiting operations they have seen in the area. A search of the driver's residence revealed more than 100 counterfeit twenty-dollar bills and a variety of illegal drugs. A busy year saw 437 DUI arrests, a 25% increase over 2001.

A unique task for **Forestville Barrack** was the annual air show at Andrews Air Force Base, which attracts more than 100,000 spectators. Heightened security concerns necessitated changing the normal parking and traffic plans. Barrack personnel worked with representatives from the base and the event was a success. Juvenile detention facilities account for most of the criminal calls for service, and the criminal section handled 102 cases in 2002. A stop for a traffic violation in January led to the seizure of 783 doses of MDMA (ecstasy), and later to a controlled delivery of controlled dangerous substance in North Carolina.

The troopers of **College Park Barrack** provided valuable assistance to numerous other agencies in 2002. These events included the successful hunt for the suspect in the fatal shooting of two Prince George's County Sheriff's deputies, aiding the DC Metro Police with duties involved in policing the International Monetary Fund/World Bank meetings, and helping the University of Maryland College Park Campus Police with crowd control at the time of the NCAA Championship basketball game in April. Some of the seizures from traffic stops were: \$9,539 in currency; an Uzi handgun and \$2,475 cash; and 95 doses of MDMA (ecstasy). Other actions at the barrack included an initiative to decrease drag racing and speed contests, a non fatal aircraft accident, and the decrease of fatal motor traffic accidents by 38%.

Motor vehicle accidents kept those stationed at **Waterloo Barrack** very busy in 2002. A serious two car collision on northbound I-95 also involved the theft of a vehicle from a motorist who had stopped to render assistance. The suspect was caught and successfully prosecuted. In another case, a motorist faces twenty criminal charges after leading troopers on a high speed chase, crashing into a tree, and fleeing on foot, as the suspect's infant child was on the back seat. In April a fatal accident on I-95 involving two small children who were ejected from a passenger van emphasized the importance of occupant safety seats. The barrack received a Certificate of Merit from the State Highway Committee for its outstanding efforts in seat belt enforcement.

In February Dr. Rodney Cocking, an internationally known child psychologist disappeared. Investigators from **Westminster Barrack** arrested a suspect for the murder in early June, two weeks before the victim's body was found. Another homicide in August led to a hostage situation involving children; it was quickly resolved by the MSP State Team. Corporal Robert Stryjewski, the MSP Trooper of the Year and the MSP Alumni Association Trooper of the Year for 2001, was also selected as the 2002 Washington, D.C. Federal Bar Association Top Gun Award winner, and the Former Agents of the United States Secret Service Award winner. The barrack was a three-time Chief's Challenge Award winner; the centerpiece of their strategy was an aggressive seat belt enforcement campaign, which increased seat belt usage by 90%. New this year was the "Not on My Watch" program, which revamped the Adopt-a-Neighborhood patrols. The aims are to prevent, reduce and deter crime in residential areas, and to foster additional community support for law enforcement, by creating partnerships between troopers and county residents.

Eastern Region: Salisbury Barrack (Region Headquarters), Berlin Barrack, Centreville Barrack, Easton Barrack, Princess Anne Barrack

Most of Maryland east of the Chesapeake Bay is policed by troopers from the Eastern Region, and all of the barracks provide full services to the counties they cover. This lowland region is particularly affected by tourist activities, with large numbers of people visiting the tri-state peninsula, and a large temporary rise in population coming to work during the summer season.

At **Salisbury Barrack**, several troopers are members of the Wicomico Bureau of Investigation. In its second year of operation, the venture, which is a joint effort with the Wicomico County Sheriff's Office, had 103 arrests in 2002, a 140% increase over the previous year. Some of the crimes they successfully dealt with included a homicide, the theft of checks worth over \$44,000, and the kidnaping and rape of a teenage victim. Collaborative efforts with the Child Advocacy Center also helped solve two additional rape/child abuse cases. During the year, troopers from the barrack made 374 arrests of suspected drunken drivers, issued more than 10,200 traffic citations and over 9,000 motor vehicle warnings.

In January 2002 troopers from **Easton Barrack** responded to a double murder and suicide. It involved domestic violence and attracted a great deal of media attention. A tornado in April struck Taylor's Island and more than 2,100 people were left without power, with many homes damaged or destroyed. Troopers worked with emergency personnel, public officials, and community leaders to ensure the safety and protection of the citizens. During August, barrack personnel assisted the F.B.I. with the recovery of a body from a kidnaping and homicide; a suspect was charged with murder. Two fund-raising efforts in the community were the barrack open house which raised \$400 for Concerns of Police Survivors, and the second annual "Strongman Contest," held to increase the awareness of domestic violence, which raised \$1,600 for the Mid Shore Domestic Violence Center.

Troopers from **Centreville Barrack**, with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police and other agencies, pursued a vehicle for over 49 miles; a collision with a tree ended the chase, the suspects escaped. After a twelve-hour search, three suspects were taken into custody, and charges included kidnaping, assault, theft, and malicious destruction of property. A series of thefts and vandalism from parked vehicles that was investigated in 2001, was solved in 2002, when a blood sample recovered by a Crime Scene Technician enabled a match to be made with a known sample in the MSP DNA Data Bank. Judicious use of grant funding allowed local troopers to make an additional 50 DUI arrests, and issue 1,644 citations and 687 warnings for aggressive driving. A thriving Explorer Post, entirely funded through local community organizations, has provided support to the barrack by assisting with traffic at many events.

The **Berlin Barrack**, along with other MSP units, and local and federal agencies, provided the planning and coverage for the 2nd Annual DelMarVa Bike Week in September. Calls for service were comparable to the same period last year, and the vast majority of the traffic enforcement was found to be people not attending the event. In March, a plane crashed off the Maryland coast, and several hours later first debris and then a body were washed ashore. Later, further debris was found, and in April the MSP Dive Team recovered the fuselage and some human bones. Troopers working with the Worcester County Bureau of Investigation during June, July, and August, were able to solve several armed robberies and burglaries, including one involving the theft of seven handguns.

A workplace homicide in January was the subject of an intensive investigation that included troopers from **Princess Anne Barrack**, and a suspect (who later pled guilty) was arrested while still on the premises. With the assistance of the Somerset County State's Attorney's Office, the financial activities of a suspected embezzler were tracked. The arrest of the individual resulted in an admission, and an agreement to reimburse the victim, a local church, \$60,000. In September, the new barrack opened, a little over a year after the groundbreaking, and the dedication was in November. The barrack Bike Patrol has been used extensively within the HotSpot area of Princess Anne, and has helped reduce crime.

Northern Region: Bel Air Barrack (Region Headquarters), Golden Ring Barrack, JFK Highway Barrack, North East Barrack

The troopers of the Northern Region patrol the busy highways of the Baltimore metro area, and the quieter roads of Harford and Cecil counties. Both Bel Air and North East are full service barracks, while JFK Highway and Golden Ring are primarily traffic barracks.

For the fourth straight year, troopers from **Golden Ring Barrack** issued more than 20,000 traffic citations, made more than 526 DWI arrests, and handled more than 19,000 calls for service. Over 2,200 of the citations were for violations of the seatbelt laws, and were issued during the Chief's Challenge Campaign. Providing security and maintaining a safe traffic flow at the 121st Maryland State Fair during its eleven-day run is an annual event for the barrack, and was met with the assistance of 160 MSP personnel. The Maccabe Games proved to be a unique security challenge, and one that was handled in conjunction with the F.B.I., Baltimore County Police Department, and the Towson University Police. In June the barrack held the first sobriety checkpoint in Baltimore County, where 94 vehicles were checked, with seven DWI arrests and one arrest for marijuana possession. The ratio of vehicles checked to operators arrested was the highest ever by MSP personnel.

Traffic stops made by **JFK Highway Barrack** troopers resulted in the seizure of 97,297 grams of marijuana, 7,152 grams of cocaine, 876 grams of heroin, 18 vehicles, 16 registered firearms, and more than \$653,940 in currency. At a stop in December, the driver was found to be suspended and wanted in another state; the driver resisted arrest and fled, and a chase ensued. The suspect's vehicle crashed, and after tracking by a trooper and K-9, the suspect was finally arrested. Found in the vehicle were 2,085 grams of cocaine, 466 grams of heroin, and 3.4 grams of methamphetamine. Other significant traffic stops resulted in the recovery of 57,294 grams of marijuana; 9,280 grams of hashish tar; 2,386 grams of cocaine; and \$212,757 in currency.

In May, ground was broken for the new **North East Barrack**. With completion expected by July 2003, it will replace the current facility which was built in 1960. The proliferation of heroin addiction in Cecil County has led to many burglaries and property crimes. Barrack investigators made more than 162 arrests, with 703 charges preferred. A closure rate of more than 67% was obtained by the four full time investigators. Four sobriety checkpoints were conducted throughout the year, with 28 arrests.

Bel Air Barrack operates the first state police run Police Athletic League center in the country. Currently operating out of a shopping center in Edgewood, it worked with children from 7-17 years, and had three summer sessions of 45 students each. A suspect in a homicide in April was quickly identified, and arrested the next day after committing an armed robbery and leading police on a high speed chase. Barrack personnel made 933 adult criminal arrests, 314 juvenile criminal arrests, seized 17 guns and closed 140 of the 189 domestic violence cases. The Criminal Investigation Section had a closure rate of 89.4% for their cases.

Southern Region: La Plata Barrack (Region Headquarters), Annapolis Barrack, Glen Burnie Barrack, Leonardtown Barrack, Prince Frederick Barrack

There are five barracks that make up the Southern Region, and the territory varies from the primarily rural lands in the southeast, to the metropolitan areas of the State's capital and around Baltimore City. Including the smallest county in the State, the terrain is bounded on two sides by the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River.

In April the most destructive tornado in the State's history struck, and troopers from **La Plata Barrack** were some of the first members of the community to respond. Barrack personnel assisted with the search for injured people in over 325 partially or fully destroyed buildings, and helped maintain traffic posts. Many of the workers, including other MSP personnel who came to help, volunteered while off-duty to assist with the massive protection, security, and clean up assignment. During the year, and at the request of the Board of Education, both road troopers and command staff act as mentors for local youth, which allows for positive interaction between law enforcement and at risk students.

The **Glen Burnie Barrack** agreed, in January, to partner with the Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Department to serve arrest warrants on defendants who appear for trial in Glen Burnie District Court. In May, two days of surveillance led to the arrest of a suspect who fled after releasing a victim, who he had assaulted and kidnaped. In the summer, barrack personnel organized a Camp Cops, which was attended by approximately 75 area youths. A traffic stop in October led to a K-9 scan, and the seizure of \$17,901 in U.S. currency. Troopers arrested and charged 129 people with violating controlled dangerous substance laws, an increase of 52 over 2001.

Troopers at **Annapolis Barrack** participated in a joint roll call with Anne Arundel County Police Department personnel from the Southern District. This allows each department to share pertinent law enforcement information. Barrack personnel are charged with the coordination and enforcement/security functions for events staged at the State Capitol. There were more than twenty demonstrations/rallies in 2002, none of which had any arrests or serious incidents. In conjunction with the Sheriffs Department, the barrack also participated in Anne Arundel County's Most Wanted television program. Recorded monthly, it has proven very successful in the apprehension of numerous wanted persons.

Leonardtowntown Barrack shares concurrent jurisdiction in St. Mary's County with the Sheriff's Office. A search and seizure warrant that troopers assisted with in February, resulted in the seizure of 21.1 grams of cocaine hydrochloride, 4.2 grams of crack cocaine, and \$1,495 in currency. The suspect arrested was also charged with possession with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school zone. When a felony fugitive was arrested in April, several thousand dollars of stolen hardware products, and an extensive amount of documents used to produce

false identifications were recovered. A burglary at a local firearms dealer in November, resulted in the theft of 22 handguns, \$4,100 in currency, and forty boxes of ammunition. Investigators received a break in December, when troopers from Cumberland Barrack making an arrest recovered three of the stolen handguns. The investigation is continuing.

The **Prince Frederick Barrack** is another installation that shares jurisdiction with the local sheriff's office, and although they patrol the State's smallest county, troopers responded to, or investigated, 21,450 calls for service. One of those calls, in April, was for an employee related theft at a jewelry store. When the suspect was arrested, more than \$80,000 worth of the stolen jewelry was recovered. The number of controlled dangerous substances arrests rose by 22, a 13.4% increase over 2001. Although there was a 4.2% increase in motor vehicle accidents (from 354 in 2001 to 369 in 2002), there was a 60% decrease in fatal crashes (from 10 down to 4). The barrack chaplain, Reverend Dennis Felder, was recognized as the Department's 2001 Chaplain of the Year.

Western Region: Hagerstown Barrack (Region Headquarters), Cumberland Barrack, Frederick Barrack, McHenry Barrack

The Western Region troopers patrol area contains the largest county in the State, covers a varied terrain, and is bordered by three other states. All the barracks provide full services to the counties they are in.

In July, **Frederick Barrack** officially switched operations to the new Frederick County Law Enforcement Center, a state of the art facility which also houses the Sheriff's office and the county's emergency communications. Decisive and professional work by troopers and the Police Communications Operator on duty, culminated in the arrest of the two suspects that came to be known as the Washington area serial snipers. Many people working together put an end to a case that gripped the nation and brought terror into our neighborhoods. A concerted effort to reduce fatal crashes, particularly those associated with alcohol, was successful. By identifying those areas prone to these types of crashes, and combining an increase in speed and total citations issued, the number of fatal crashes decreased from 22 in 2001, to nine in 2002, and none of these were attributed to the consumption of alcohol.

Reducing domestic violence continues to be a priority for **Cumberland Barrack**, which investigated 102 cases in 2002, an increase of 11% over 2001. The arrest rate for these offenses continues to be high at 75%. The barrack has continued its cooperation with both the Allegany College of Maryland and Frostburg State University internship programs. Internships at the barrack have helped foster good relations, and served as a recruitment tool for the MSP.

The **Hagerstown Barrack** had a 24% increase in the emergency calls it handled, up to 6,634 in 2002, compared with 5,369 in 2001. At the beginning of the year, two banks reported being victimized by subjects with counterfeit payroll checks. The losses totaled more than \$20,000, and suspects were identified and charged. After the homicide of an elderly man in July, investigation led to two suspects with extensive criminal records, who have since been charged. Numerous cases of vandalism, where total damage estimates exceeded \$100,000, were solved when a suspect was apprehended in October after a chase through three states. A Civil War re-enactment to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, was held over three days in September, and attracted approximately 75,000 attendees. Frequent planning sessions between the MSP and six other departments ensured that there were minimal traffic backups

More than 150 miles west of Baltimore City, the area patrolled by the troopers from **McHenry Barrack** is the largest in the state, and has 700 miles of county roads and 200 miles of state highway. Tourism swells the population in summer and winter. In April, a burglar stole seventeen guns from an Oakland residence. A suspect was identified, and a search and seizure warrant recovered all the stolen guns, as well as guns from a West Virginia incident. Interstate 68 continues to be where most controlled dangerous substance arrests are made, and a traffic stop in December recovered a gun and \$2,600 as well. A Town Patrol Program has been instituted to cover municipalities not having police departments, so that a police presence is noted in these communities through all times of the month.

Command Motor Carrier and Automotive Safety Operations: Automotive Safety Enforcement Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, Traffic Operations Section

The **Automotive Safety Enforcement Division (ASED)** is the repository and clearing house for all Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO) issued by all law enforcement agencies in the State. Personnel in the division provided training, at both the recruit and in-service levels, for all the police departments issuing SEROs and held seven training classes throughout the year. The number of SEROs issued Statewide decreased by 8%, and the number of suspension notices for noncompliance decreased by 11%. The noncompliance rate for vehicle owners issued SEROs is 53%, a 5% increase over the previous year.

ASED regulates authorized vehicle inspection stations, and when necessary conducts investigations into complaints. Administrative action was taken against those inspection stations and mechanics that violate inspection regulations. A penalty assessment guide, created by the Department in 2000, is used to administer progressive disciplinary action impartially. During 2002, action was taken against 124 mechanics and stations, an increase of 10% over 2001.

Personnel from ASED also performed 68 post-collision vehicle inspections on cars and light trucks involved in serious injury or fatal collisions, to determine if the safety equipment on vehicles met the minimum standards. This service, provided to all police agencies in the State, is very complex and requires expert court testimony.

The **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED)** operates ten weigh and inspection facilities throughout the state. More than 1.4 million commercial vehicles were weighed, an all time record. Action at these sites, at roadside inspections, and via other initiatives resulted in: an increase in total fines to \$9,635,877 (up 21%); an increase in citations issued to 60,753 (up 11%); and an increase in the number of commercial vehicle safety inspections to 73,387 (up 9.5%).

CVED, working in partnership with federal, State, and local agencies, participated in the following programs dealing with regulating the operation of commercial vehicles in Maryland: Size, Weight and Load Program; Motor Carrier Safety Program; Post Crash Investigation/Crash Causation Analysis; Preventive Maintenance Program; Compliance Review Program; Inspection Repair and Audit Program; and the Excessive Noise & Diesel Vehicle Emissions Program.

A training unit run by CVED is responsible for the training and certification of all motor carrier inspectors in Maryland. Eight courses in 2002 had a total of 165 students. In addition, the Training Unit conducted ten three-day re-certification classes for all 240 of the State's certified commercial vehicle inspectors.

Traffic Operations Section (TOS) manages the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU), Crash Team, DRE/DUI Program, and the Criminal Interdiction/Traffic Programs and Planning/Training Units. CTAU trained 105 new breath test operators, re-certified 800 operators, and maintained 99 intoximeters throughout the State. The Crash Team, which reconstructs motor vehicle collisions, streamlined and restructured the report process, and all comprehensive investigations are submitted within thirty days. New software will allow for the production of simulations of collisions, which in turn will be used for the adjudication of criminal charges and assisting the State Highway Administration with future roadway design. The Drug Recognition Expert (DER) program is part of the DRE/DUI Unit, and the TOS DRE coordinator trains and certifies personnel from the MSP and allied agencies. The MSP currently have 23 DREs, and supervise 107 from allied agencies. In 2002 they conducted over 600 evaluations on suspected drug impaired drivers.

Special Operations Division

- The **Hazmat Investigation Team**, developed to collect and transport letters and packages with suspected Anthrax, was deployed for the 2002 Maryland General Assembly.
- Regional Tactical platoons, from the MSP **Tactical Teams**, were deployed six times, four times to the University of Maryland, and twice to Washington, D.C. for IMF/World Bank protests.
- A **High Risk Man Tracking Team**, one of only two on the East Coast, was developed and implemented, and used in August to help track the suspect in the death of two Prince George's County deputies.

- The **K-9 Unit** hosted five classes, and assisted in the creation of the Baltimore City Police Bloodhound Program. For the first time in MSP history, three Bomb Dog Teams and a Patrol Dog Team were assigned to the General Assembly.
- During the year, the **Special Tactical Assault Team Element (STATE)** was assigned to 418 incidents, ranging from hostage barricades, search and seizure warrants, and protection details.
- Two Board certified Emergency Physicians were added to the **Tactical Medic Program**, which supports the STATE Team, and also assisted the FBI with nine high risk warrants.
- The **Motor Unit**, nationally recognized through the Motor Safety Foundation, trained 136 officers from 25 different agencies, and completed 708 special assignments.

The **Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)** program is community policing and prevention education at its best. Troopers delivered the D.A.R.E. programs to 11,577 students in 2002, 7% more than in 2001. Separate curriculums are taught to different levels, and students in the Elementary 5/6, Middle School, and High School levels are also given tests before and after the program to measure a gain in knowledge. Students tested averaged a 24.6% gain, an increase on last year's average of 23%.

Maryland is recognized as a leader in incident management, and the MSP **State Highway Administration Office of Liaison** provides training to MSP and authorities from the State and across the country. The MSP/SHA liaison was involved in the planning of the first Incident Management Conference for public service and emergency dispatchers only. Held in September, it was for dispatchers in the Baltimore Metro area. The Liaison Officer serves as the Co-chairman of the Potomac Region Highway Operations Group, which includes Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and North Carolina.

The **Regional Family Violence Unit** investigators are assigned to seven regions throughout the State, and in 2002 they conducted follow ups on 1,590 criminal investigation reports and 578 incident reports of domestic violence. Of the criminal cases, 916 resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator of the violence, and a total of 2,181 victims received referrals to a victim service provider.

Support Services Bureau

The Support Services Bureau directs the efforts of those units that provide specialized investigative, forensic, licensing, regulatory and aviation services. The mission of the Bureau is to support the Department's statewide criminal enforcement efforts, public safety initiatives, and legislative mandates, in partnership with the public and private sectors.

Criminal Enforcement Command: Crime Laboratory Division, Firearms Enforcement Division, Licensing Division, Special Investigative Services, Technical Investigative Services

The goal of the **Crime Laboratory Division** is to provide the law enforcement community, and the citizens of Maryland, with the highest quality and integrity in forensic laboratory analysis and expert testimony. To this end, the Crime Scene Unit is undergoing the accreditation process, something the Crime Lab itself has already achieved. During the year, the Unit handled 1,658 cases, 447 of which were for other police agencies. Other work performed by the Division:

- Evidence Coordinator's Unit, which processes all controlled dangerous substance evidence presented to the Division, had 6,359 cases submitted.
- Chemistry Unit (Pikesville) received 6,319 cases, 574 more than in 2001
- Toxicology Unit, the only one in the State approved to analyze blood samples for alcohol in cases related to DWI arrests, examined 910 cases
- Latent Print Unit completed 2,887 cases; total fingerprint comparisons numbered 84,694
- Questioned Document Unit examined all 170 cases submitted and had no backlog
- Firearms/Toolmarks Unit had 958 cases, 139 more than in 2001
- Photography Unit, which also does work for other agencies, processed 103,804 color prints and 5,538 black and white prints
- Trace Evidence Unit, responsible for the examination of physical evidence such as hairs, paint and gunshot residue, examined 420 cases
- Biology Unit received 449 cases for serology analysis, 264 of which came from other agencies. In addition, the Maryland DNA database is now linked to the federal system

During 2002, the Firearms Registration Section, part of the **Firearms Enforcement Division**, developed a new Application to Purchase a Regulated Firearm, to include necessary information relating to the Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000. The Section also:

- Processed 24,922 applications to purchase a regulated firearm;
- Processed 241 regulated firearms' dealers applications;
- Processed 1,245 machine gun applications;
- Conducted eight administrative hearings; and
- Referred 279 criminal investigations to the Firearms Investigations Unit

The **Crime Gun Enforcement Section** responds to the growing frequency of firearms related violence in Maryland. Members of different units initiated 407 criminal investigations, conducted 279 false application investigations, effected 208 criminal arrests, seized 258 firearms, conducted 330 dealer audits, trained 185 dealers on firearms' issues, served 1,062 felony warrants, and served 311 warrants for homicide or assault with intent to murder.

The **Licensing Division**, issues handgun permits, private detective and security guard agency licenses, security systems agency licenses and registers security guards, private detectives, and security systems technicians and monitors. They also conduct investigations for the Secretary of State's Office prior to the issuance of special police commissions, and certify canine dogs used by law enforcement agencies.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Applications</u>
Handgun Permit Unit	4,600
Private Detective Registrations	1,072
Security Guard Certifications	8,126
Security Systems Technicians	1,848
Special Police Commissions	618

There were 234 Private Detective/Security Guard Agency Licenses issued, and 180 for Security Systems Agencies. Recent legislation allowed for the extension of agency license renewals to three years, up from two. Additional legislation allowed the Division, for the first time, to assess fines for violations of applicable laws. As a result, there were 33 compliance audits conducted, and a total of \$23,450 in fines assessed.

Many units make up **Special Investigative Services** and **Technical Investigative Services**:

- The **Attorney General's Unit** arrested 24 subjects for criminal violations, served 63 subpoenas, initiated 68 investigations into environmental crimes, and assisted civilian investigators with 15 cases involving insurance fraud.
- The **Auto Theft Unit** arrested 73 subjects for auto theft, recovered \$1.17 million in stolen vehicles, recovered \$18,950 in component parts, provided technical assistance to 60 allied agencies, and trained 48 MSP personnel in salvage vehicle inspection.
- The **Computer Crimes Unit** conducted 278 criminal investigations, conducted 131 forensic examinations analyzing 1,542 gigabytes of data, investigated 103 sexual predator cases involving the use of online services, and provided Internet safety talks to parent and teacher groups and civic organizations.
- The **Extradition Unit** coordinated 249 extraditions.
- The **Homicide Unit** arrested 31 individuals, initiated 48 search and seizure warrants, and maintained a 100% conviction rate during all homicide trials held in 2002.
- The **Maryland Center for Missing Children** processed 7,195 reports from local law enforcement agencies and the MSP, produced 207 missing child posters, presented 47 training programs to the public sector and the law enforcement community, and processed 980 requests for assistance from msp installations and allied agencies.
- The **Maryland Metropolitan Criminal Apprehension Team** handled 56 cases and made 17 arrests.
- The **Polygraph Unit** conducted 1,378 polygraph examinations, assisted 76 allied agencies, and conducted two Interview and Interrogation courses.

- The Prince George's County Safe Streets initiative dismantled one major violent drug gang, and arrested 59 individuals on State and federal indictments.
- The Property Unit reduced its current inventory to 199 cases, and its inventory of expired wiretap cases by 13.
- The Technical Surveillance Unit cataloged 496 consensual monitoring inquiries, conducted 17 murder-for-hire inquiries, assisted 32 federal, State, and local criminal justice agencies, and provided training to 162 State and allied personnel.
- The Violent Fugitive Task Force handled 48 cases, located 28 people wanted in other jurisdictions, and made 16 arrests.

Drug Enforcement Command

Personnel in the Command, in county task forces and other units, working together with local and federal agencies, compiled the following statistics during 2002:

Cases	3183
Arrests	1674
Currency Seized	\$2,965,340
Vehicles Seized	168
Firearms Seized	282

Drugs Seized

Marijuana (processed)	3,121,363.2 grams
(plants)	1,409
Cocaine	69,357.9 grams
Heroin	768.3 grams
Ecstasy (MDMA)	4,654 pills
Oxycodone	699 pills
GHB	260 units
Methamphetamine	69.4 grams

Like many other entities, the **Criminal Intelligence Division** has refocused its efforts following the events of September 11, 2001, in order to fulfill its responsibility to provide the intelligence needed by the MSP to facilitate strategic and operational decisions. In 2002, this duty was expedited by a growing and evolving ability to produce the information needed, a more proactive approach to gathering data, and included new equipment and training. The Division also worked to assess threats to State and local officials.

The **Executive Protection Unit** enjoys national recognition as a leader in state-level protective operations. Besides providing protection for the Governor, and limited protection to others, the Unit provided additional protective assistance to thirty-eight Governors, four Lieutenant Governors, nine First ladies and six other visiting dignitaries to the State and Washington, D.C.

When the General Assembly was in session, the **Security Services Unit** ensured the safety and security of the President of the State Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates and all 188 of the members. Additional measures introduced in 2002 include metal detectors at each public entrance, and electronic access cards for employees. Security was also provided for the standing committees of both the Senate and the House, and for the statutory committees and the joint House and Senate committees when meeting year round. After the end of the legislative session, members of the Unit also traveled with committee members attending site visits throughout the State.

The sight and sound of an **Aviation Division** medevac helicopter landing at an accident scene, then departing with a critically injured patient has become very familiar to the residents of Maryland. There were 5,333 medevac flights in 2002. In June, the closure of the trauma center at Washington County Hospital added to the calls for assistance; some patients who would have routinely been driven to the hospital had to be transported by air to other trauma centers.

The Division is employed in many other ways: the total 9,347 missions flown helped find 63 people, apprehend 112 criminals, and included 48 extradition flights. During the search for the Washington area sniper suspects, 63 missions were flown, including transport of two of the victims, and aerial surveillance using rotor and fixed wing aircraft.

Administrative Services Bureau

The Administrative Services Bureau manages the Department's human resources, and provides the training materials and services needed for the MSP and allied law enforcement agencies to perform their mandated functions. The mission of the Bureau is to serve efficiently and effectively in providing support by striving for excellence through careful management, administration, and maintenance of all resources.

Education and Career Development Command: Professional Development Unit, Training Division

The **Professional Development Unit** (PDU) coordinated the Weapons of Mass Destruction training given to all Department and allied law enforcement personnel. Concluding in March 2002, 33 classes were taught to 1,748 MSP personnel; 167 allied personnel were provided with training so they could go back to their agencies and train their organization's employees. In partnership with the MSP Computer Crimes Unit, the PDU placed the MSP Training Catalogue on-line, making it available to all law enforcement agencies.

The first ever MSP Command College was hosted by PDU, for future senior executives of the Department. The curriculum of this 24 week course included study in the areas of Ethics and Integrity, Leadership and Crisis Management, and Law Enforcement Technology.

In 2002 the **Training Division** processed two trooper candidate classes, and 90 new troopers completed their training. The first State Police Entrance Level Academy Degree Program in the country was instituted with the 119th Academy class. Administered in conjunction with Frederick Community College, trooper candidates attended college courses as well as their police courses. Personnel who successfully complete all the college requirements are awarded Associate degrees. The Pre-orientation Program was introduced to help reduce attrition rates; they fell from 36% for the two classes in 2001, to 11% for the classes in 2002.

Over the course of eight months, 63 classes were conducted by the In-service Unit to provide instruction to more than thirteen hundred field personnel. The curriculum included the latest handgun retention techniques, and the requirements of the "Fitness 2000" program. Construction of the new training facility in Sykesville was begun in June 2002, and the projected opening date is October 2003.

Personnel Command: Administrative Hearing Office, Human Resources Division, Medical Division, Office of Department Prosecutor, Promotional Standards and Development Unit, Volunteers in Police Support

Management of all MSP administrative cases is the responsibility of the **Administrative Hearing Office**. They handled 172 cases in 2002, and some of the duties included: administering sworn and civilian grievances, emergency suspension hearings for inspection mechanics licensed by the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division, and emergency suspension of police powers hearings.

The civilian employment section of the **Human Resources Division** faced two major cuts of positions due to budget shortfalls, but managed to hire 107 civilian employees, including 25 full-time Police Communication Operators. For the 66th consecutive pay period the Leave Desk had the leave record reports, showing each employee's current leave balance, in the appropriate units prior to the conclusion of the next leave period.

A new promotional cycle was begun in 2002, and 807 candidates participated in the initial step by taking the appropriate written exam. The **Promotional Standards and Development Unit (PSDU)**, by applying information from the Job Task Analysis of 2001 and the detailed item analysis that was conducted on each of the exams from 2000, was able to ensure that the content of the new exams was valid. During the personnel assessment phase, PSDU hosted 75 state police assessors from fifteen states.

There are 115 active volunteers in the **Volunteers in Police Support** program, and 27,242 hours were worked in 2002.

Services Command: Facilities Management Division, Motor Vehicle Division, Quartermaster Division

During 2002, the **Facilities Management Division** processed 770 work project requests and completed 2,885 service requests. These were generated by the 63 locations that the division maintains and renovates. A major focus for the past several years has been renovation, and some of the major projects included relamping and resurfacing the helicopter hangar deck, and replacing the windows in a Headquarters building in Pikesville.

As part of their responsibility for the Department's vehicles, the **Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)** increased the number of garage facilities to 21. The employees of MVD issued 15,407 work orders for the repair and maintenance of the nineteen hundred vehicles in the fleet. There were 150 new patrol vehicles put in service, all specifically selected to meet the needs of a diverse department, and an equal number of old ones disposed of through auction.

The **Quartermaster Division** processed 4,905 purchase orders, totaling \$18,061,252 in procurement for the Department, both decreases from the 2001 totals. Also down were the State corporate credit card purchases: 1,970 transactions totaling \$576,455. As managers of the Maryland Surplus Military Property Program this division obtained \$1,658,098 worth of surplus military property that was distributed to Maryland police agencies. The increase of more than \$314,473 from 2001 may be attributed to the several new participating agencies. Membership in the Maryland State and Local Police Procurement Program increased by seven agencies, to twenty; participants received property and equipment from federal sources valued at \$934,410.

Also part of this division are: the Print Shop, which did a total of 4,874,365 impressions at a cost of \$82,436; the Property Unit, which processed 20,506 property records for MSP installations, destroyed 1,352 contraband items at the Bethlehem Steel Sparrows Point Plant, and sold 1,242 items of unclaimed property at a public auction, netting \$25,372; and the Armorer, who arranged for eight troopers to become certified field armorers, with no cost to the Department, worked with the State Fire Marshal's Office to update and repair their bomb robot, and discovered quality control problems with current duty ammunition, which resulted in new ammunition being introduced to the Department at no cost.

Information Technology and Communications Bureau

The Information Technology and Communications Bureau ensures that all initiatives involving information technology planning, budgeting and procurement are consistent with, and serve to support, the State's overall strategic information technology plan. The mission of the Bureau is to provide comprehensive information technology and communications management for the Department.

Workers in the **Central Records Division (CRD)** provide motor vehicle accident and crime statistics to national, state and local government agencies, legislators, civic organizations, research groups, academia, and the public. The Division also processed more than 40,000 requests for copies of motor vehicle accident reports, with a three-week response time. These requests generated \$93,099 of the \$130,310 realized by CRD. Revenue also resulted from providing photographs of motor vehicle accidents and criminal investigations, and from responding to Public Information Act requests.

In 2002, the Division received responsibility for the Race-Based Traffic Stop Data Collection and Reporting System. Devices provided to sworn personnel in the field send the information directly to the main database, and there were 86,052 statistics entered. All other sworn personnel submit the information via a Departmental form.

The **Electronics Systems Division** serves as the core of the Department's communications network. Along with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the **NCIC Section** (National Crime Information Center) manages the Maryland Interagency Law Enforcement System (MILES), which allows access to the criminal justice information maintained in NCIC. During 2002, MILES became NCIC 2000 compliant, a more user friendly system, which will eventually allow for the transmission of images, as well as data.

- Workers in the Audit Unit completed 115 NCIC audits on Maryland allied departments, and performed 60 quarterly audits of agencies that enter Civil Protective Orders.
- The Quality Control Unit ensured compliance with the standards for performance and quality control set by the FBI, including assuring that all warrants and stolen items are active and properly validated.
- The Training Unit coordinator completed mandated Civil Protective Order training for all affected agencies.

One part of the **Telecommunications Section** is the Telecommunications Unit; the Headquarters Duty Officers are the point of contact for all visitors at the Headquarter Complex and, at times, is the command center in many situations, making critical notifications and coordinating information dissemination. The Police Communication Operators (PCO) in this unit also provide 24-hour coverage in support the Department's role as control terminal agency, and oversee the operation of the MILES, NCIC and NLETS (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) systems databases. During 2002, the PCOs handled more than 1,795,072 terminal transactions in these databases. The Mail Room, also part of this section with one employee, processed more than 81,107 pieces of outgoing mail, 3,218 incoming parcels, and an estimated 312,000 inter departmental envelopes.

Staff in the **Electronic Communications Section** are responsible for the management of a multifaceted communications system, where duties include the procurement and licensing process, as well as the operation and maintenance of a vast array of sophisticated electronic equipment. The Radio Technicians used 26,654 hours performing 12,080 distinct jobs, an increase of 12% over 2001. Technicians also constructed their own radio consoles for two barracks, thereby saving the Department approximately \$157,600. The section also performed several demonstrations to illustrate the capabilities of the Maryland Incident Management Interoperable Communications System project, which will allow an integrated emergency operational responses for all public safety incidents.

The **Networks and Communications Services Section** makes sure the Department's 70 independent telephone systems, and more than 3,000 related pieces of equipment are properly maintained. The section also manages the purchase and assignment of pagers and cellular telephones, and their salvage system for recycling telephone systems and parts results in an average yearly savings of approximately \$13,000. The Intranet Communications Unit introduced the Department to Wide Area Networks, giving 17 sites high speed access to the internet, and e-mail, thereby completing about 18% of the Unit's five-year plan.

The **Information Technology Development Division** answered 2,144 calls for service, an increase of approximately 25% over 2001. Hardware and software related issues accounted for 1,403 of the calls. More than 585 personal data assistants (PDAs) were purchased with funds designated by the Legislature for the mandated collection of traffic stop data. Equipped with wireless modems, PDAs can transmit data over the cellular communications infrastructure, and if equipped with the proper software, they could also be used for license and registration checks, and for e-citations.

Serving as the management arm of the Bureau, the **Technology Management Division**, in conjunction with several partners, secured approximately \$7.2 million for communications interoperability and critical infrastructure funding. The **Budget/Procurement/eGovernment Section** web-enabled 50% of the 158 services or informational items that could be made available to the public. Work was also begun on a new interactive web site, which will provide user-friendly and efficient access to public information and services. The Division is working on a Forms Conversion project, which is converting the Department's approximately 225 forms to a digital format, thereby increasing productivity and efficiency. It is approximately 60% complete, and the forms are available to personnel throughout the State via the web server. Work was begun on a new interactive MSP web site, which is scheduled to be available in the first quarter of 2003.

Office of the State Fire Marshal

The Office of the State Fire Marshal combats and investigates fire and explosive incidents, provides fire protection engineering services, enforces the State Fire Prevention Code, does data collection and analysis, and provides public fire and life safety education. The mission of the Office is to protect life and property from fire and explosion through the efforts of a diverse, highly trained staff, in partnership with other public safety agencies and the community.

State law charges the Office of the State Fire Marshal with primary responsibility for the investigation of fires. They are also responsible for enforcing laws and regulations pertaining to the sale, manufacture, possession, and use of explosives.

- More than 1,100 fire investigations were conducted in 2002, with approximately 35% being determined to be incendiary. There was a closure by arrest rate of 20%, exceeding the national average of 17%.
- There were 74 fire fatalities, a 20% reduction from 2001, and the third lowest total ever.
- All buildings and structures considered public, such as schools, health care facilities, and those used for mercantile occupancy, are subject to inspection, and in 2002 there were nearly 13,000 inspections.
- The Bomb Squad members, trained and certified by the F.B.I., responded to more than 400 calls for service.
- Fire Protection Engineers performed more than 2,000 plan reviews for new construction, renovations and specialized fire protection systems. They also provided advice, guidance and direction to architects, engineers, and other design professionals.

As part of its ongoing education efforts, the Office of the State Fire Marshall is a major sponsor of the Mid-Atlantic Life Safety Conference, which for over 40 years has been one of the most highly regarded conferences on fire and life safety in the region. The Office has also been a significant partner in the campaign to provide working smoke alarms to the deaf and hard of hearing. To date, more than 1,000 specialized smoke alarms have been purchased and installed.

Fiscal Data

<u>Object</u>	<u>Expenditures FY 2002</u>	<u>Appropriations FY 2003</u>
01 Salaries & Wages	155,732,472	160,161,353
02 Technical & Special Fees	910,840	953,334
03 Communications	1,779,667	1,888,739
04 Travel	464,073	325,063
06 Fuel & Utilities	1,391,904	1,978,234
07 Motor Vehicle Operation & Maint.	18,697,957	15,306,288
08 Contractual Services	5,792,352	4,840,819
09 Supplies & Materials	3,004,477	2,840,056
10 Equipment - Replacement	484,428	232,607
11 Equipment - Additional	2,892,786	2,908,607
12 Grants	74,930,307	76,587,281
13 Fixed Charges	<u>912,445</u>	<u>901,971</u>
Totals	266,992,707	269,024,350

Grants Administered by the Maryland State Police

12 State Aid for Police Protection	60,354,151	62,144,781
12 Baltimore City Foot Patrol Aid	2,800,000	2,800,000
12 Baltimore City Community Policing	2,000,000	2,000,000
12 Prince George's County	1,662,500	1,662,500
Drug Enforcement Aid		
12 Body Armor for Local	48,913	50,000
Law Enforcement		
12 Baltimore City Violent Crime Grant	2,500,000	2,500,000
12 Prince George's County	2,500,000	2,500,000
Violent Crime Grant		
12 Vehicle Theft Prevention Program	1,494,297	600,000
12 Foreign Motor Vehicle Program	227,719	360,000
12 Crime Gun Prevention Grants	974,825	1,000,000
12 Domestic Violence Grants	0	0
12 City of Cumberland Range	0	0
12 School Bus Grants	338,503	550,000

Personnel Data - FY 2002

	<u>Uniformed</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
Authorized Personnel: (6/30/02)	1624	818
Service Retirements:	35	9
Disability Retirements:	20	4
Deceased Personnel:	1	5
Resignations:	37	45
Transferred to Another State Agency:	9	13
Promotions or Reclassifications:	198	64
Rehires/ Reinstatements:	0	4
Terminations:	0	0

Traffic Arrest Summary

	<u>TOTALS</u>		
<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
55 Speed	71,958	77,493	71,699
65 Speed	25,778	26,875	30,637
Other Speed	35,883	37,521	37,173
Right-of-Way	8,349	8,185	6,556
Suspended/Revoked License	8,838	8,362	7,919
DWI	10,177	11,387	18,213
Seat Belt	61,364	59,936	45,023
Other	106,824	119,387	122,973

Traffic Fatalities*

Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number	670	657	682	614	610	606	597	617	662	661

*Source: Maryland Automated Accident Reporting System (MAARS)

Driving While Intoxicated Arrests*

Below is a breakdown by age of the DWI arrests by all Maryland police agencies:

	<u>Number of Arrests</u>				
<u>Age</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Less than 16	37	28	28	18	25
16 - 17	340	382	321	338	372
18 - 20	1,758	2,066	2,042	2,117	2,142
21 & Older	22,375	23,264	22,478	20,797	21,158
TOTAL	24,510	25,740	24,869	23,270	23,697

*Source: Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit

Awards Presented in 2002

The **Governor's Citation** is awarded to members whose performance has been identified as outstanding and above and beyond the call of duty where a definite risk of life by the member was involved.

TFC Jamie L. Green
Cpl. (Retired) David A. Hoff
Sgt. (Retired) Steven W. Jessee
Lt. Terry Katz
TFC Nathaniel Mowbray
Tpr. Jeremy W. Stonebraker
TFC Edward P. Winkler

Cpl. James A. Hockett
Cpl. Craig T. Ingram
TFC Mujaihid N. Jones
TFC Michael D. Lass
Lt. Bruce E. Smith
Sgt. Daniel M. Weaver

The **Superintendent's Citation** is authorized in instances where the performance of an employee has been identified as outstanding and above and beyond the call of duty.

Tpr. Anthony Balchum
TFC Keith B. Barrett
Maj. C. Thomas Bowers
Cpl. John G. Carhart
Capt. Thomas P. Coppinger
Sgt. (Retired) Eugene Domico
TFC Robert D. Fisher
Lt. Lawrence W. Grasso
Cpl. Clifford T. Hughes
TFC Raymond R. Mahar
Sgt. Jack C. McCauley
Tpr. Robert S. Riley
TFC Joel S. Schindler

Cpl. Holly Barrett
Sgt. John J. Bollinger
TFC Jacob D. Cameron
Sgt. Dennis K. Cohen
D/Sgt. Ronald W. Cullison
Tpr. Neil J. Elin
D/Sgt. Joseph J. Gamble
TFC David R. Hooper
TFC Michael A. Lesniowski
TFC Patrick H. McAllister
Sgt. Jeffrey S. North
Sgt. Marvin R. Roberts
TFC Shawn W. Ward

The **Life Saving Award** is authorized in instances where one or more employees have performed a life saving procedure in an exemplary manner.

TFC Keith B. Barrett
Tpr. Gregg M. Harrington
TFC Robert D. Lantz
TFC Bradley A. McGuirk
TFC James R. Pritts
D/Sgt. Jeffrey L. Wobbleton

Tpr. Alan J. Bernau
Sgt. Craig A. Johnson
TFC Gary E. Matthias
TFC Mark D. McLean
TFC Scott M. Stevens

2001 Trooper of the Year

Cpl. Robert J. Stryjewski, Jr., Westminster Barrack, Field Operations Bureau

2001 Trooper of the Year Nominees

TFC David T. Dwyer	Waterloo Barrack
TFC Brian K. Smith	Frederick Barrack
TFC Craig W. Miller	Cumberland Barrack
TFC Tyrone W. Herndon	Bel Air Barrack
TFC Scott B. Cook	Salisbury Barrack
TFC Jon D. Armiger	North East Barrack
Cpl. Robert J. Stryjewski, Jr.	Westminster Barrack
TFC Michael L. Cox	LaPlata Barrack
TFC Robert W. Connolly	Easton Barrack
Tpr. Trent A. Lebo	Annapolis Barrack
Tpr. Kelly M. Villarreal	Forestville Barrack
Tpr. Richard A. Kelly, Jr.	JFK Highway Barrack
TFC Joseph W. Eichelberger	Rockville Barrack
TFC George A. Fockler	Hagerstown Barrack
TFC Kevin M. Moriarty	Glen Burnie Barrack
TFC Keith B. Barrett	College Park Barrack
TFC Gregory J. Hahn	Golden Ring Barrack
TFC Patrick H. McAllister	Centreville Barrack
TFC Steven B. Koch	Leonardtown Barrack
TFC Jerrell M. Carr	Prince Frederick Barrack
TFC L. Craig Sutka	Berlin Barrack
TFC James P. Grinnan	McHenry Barrack
Cpl. Howard D. Kennard	Princess Anne Barrack
Cpl. Henry L. Burns	Automotive Safety Enforcement Division
TFC Brian D. Kloos	Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division
TFC Rodney G. Manuel	Traffic Operations Section
TFC Robert W. Petras	Training Division
Cpl. Sidney R. Wooten	Aviation Division
TFC Victoria L. Harrison	Executive Protection Unit
TFC Linda E. Lozier	Criminal Enforcement Command

Retirements in 2002

Sworn Personnel

Lieutenant Colonel

William H. Arrington	28 years
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Major

Dominick A. Balsoma	32 years	Gary F. Cox	26 years
Bernard Foster	27 years	Gary L. Shields	30 years

Captain

Joseph H. Pruitt	23 years	Guy E. Guyton	38 years
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Lieutenant

Joseph A. Barker	17 years	James J. Bowman	38 years
Robin R. Garber	32 years	Nicholas A. Plazio	25 years
Richard E. Waters	28 years		

First/Detective Sergeant

Michael C. Alt	28 years	Joseph P. Ireton	34 years
Diane J. Kulp	28 years	Jeffrey McCormack	17 years
Alan J. Michael	25 years	Daniel R. Poist	22 years

Sergeant

Raymond J. Beard	26 years	Herman Bethel	26 years
Henry E. Bowker	30 years	James C. Collins	19 years
Robert S. Farrell	28 years	David M. Hammel	16 years
Robert L. Hundermark	24 years	Thomas N. Kearns	26 years
Paul F. Kutz	21 years	James E. McKinley	30 years
Alvin F. Rehn	28 years	James G. Standifer	26 years
Joseph R. Tindal	12 years	David Washington	32 years
Gloria M. Wilson	19 years	Tracy L. Wiser	14 years
Tina-Marie Wisnom			

Corporal

Kerin C. Anders	32 years	Thomas B. Cooper	13 years
Joseph L. Jordan	27 years	Kenneth Oland	17 years
Gerard M. Sawa	24 years	Jarris L. Taylor	27 years

Trooper First Class

John P. Barry	4 years	Timothy L. Berry	12 years
Dennis M. Bieda	28 years	Larry E. Bray	31 years
Guy R. Cox	25 years	William V. Daley	14 years
John E. Estep	32 years	Delaphine R. Green	21 years
Kelly J. Hutchins	4 years	Stevie Johnson	12 years
James R. Pendock	9 years	Michael S. Potter	28 years
Henry Rackl	26 years	Gary D. Resh	29 years
Arthur P. Schroeder	29 years	Robert H. Sharp	25 years
Ronnie D. Smith	4 years	Larry Stakem	26 years
Robert A. Taylor	23 years		

Civilian Personnel

Beatrice L. Alston	19 years	Susan R. Brinsfield	19 years
Thomas E. Burke	23 years	Isabel Conley-Waters	28 years
Patricia E. Crumble	34 years	Zbigniew Fdorowicz	7 years
Janet V. Galyon	24 years	Mary A. Gartrell	29 years
Anita B. Glick	14 years	Catherine M. Hedl	17 years
Michael Helfrich	32 years	Stewart M. Hollinger	39 years
Richard M. Hooper	27 years	John C. Horstman	15 years
Anna M. Long	38 years	Sandra K. Marks	30 years
Dolores T. Mays	31 years	James A. McWilliams	18 years
Bernadette M. Miller	12 years	Billy Moses	25 years
Jill Mullineaux	23 years	George G. Parks	13 years
Leslie Ryan	27 years	Sadie B. Smith	30 years
Dorsey R. Stimmel	39 years	Marge Vananzo	27 years